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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J.F.C. Hyde, Jr.
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office of The President

SUBJECT: State's proposed draft bill "To provide for the establishment of an American Council for Private International Communications, Incorporated, to grant support to the activities of private American organizations engaged in the field of communication with foreign peoples."

We have received the package of material from your office on the above subject. It is correct as stated in Mr. Abshire's letter to Mr. Shultz that we participated in the preparation of the proposed draft bill to provide for overt financing of broadcasting abroad by American organizations to foreign peoples. We do agree that if such a basic legislative change is essential, this draft bill is adequate for that purpose.

However, it is the Director's opinion that such a fundamental change in the financing of RL and RFE, exposing their appropriation to annual public hearings, would inevitably diminish the effectiveness of these two stations which we are all agreed continue to provide a vital contribution to US national security. Further, we feel that recourse to such a legislative change should occur only if it is virtually certain that the present covert funding of the station is no longer feasible.

With the foregoing considerations, USIA concurs in the package forwarded to you by Mr. Abshire. We have phrased these views to

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